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A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL

URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO BORDER STATES FOR THE COSTS INCURRED RELATING TO UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRATION.

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1 To the Congress of the United States of America:

2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

3 Whereas, the government of the United States has an obligation to its
4 citizens to secure its borders and ensure the rule of law in its communities;
5 and

6 Whereas, as a result of the shared border with and proximity to Mexico,
7 Arizona suffers a disproportionate financial burden on the criminal justice
8 system because of the unauthorized migration from Mexico; and

9 Whereas, local communities are burdened by millions of dollars in
10 uncompensated expenses for law enforcement and incarceration due to
11 unauthorized entries; and

12 Whereas, as border control measures have increased in recent years, so
13 has the use of human trafficking networks, resulting in more violent crimes
14 along the border, a dramatic increase in assaults on law enforcement officers
15 and overwhelmed county and city criminal justice and correctional systems;
16 and

17 Whereas, the federal government has failed to adequately protect the
18 nation's borders, and it should take immediate action to reimburse border
19 states such as Arizona so that they are not forced to shoulder the cost of
20 enforcing federal immigration laws.

21 Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of
22 Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

23 1. That the Congress of the United States adopt legislation that
24 pledges immediate resources to states like Arizona to help offset the
25 enormous costs imposed on states as a result of the failure to control
26 unauthorized entries along the United States-Mexico border.

27 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit a copy
28 of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of
29 the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from
30 the State of Arizona.